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In re application of: )  
J. Stavrianopoulos, et al. ) Art Unit: 185  
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For: Methods And Structures )  
Employing Chemically- )  
Labelled Polynucleotide Probes )  
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New York, New York

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to the first action on the merits in the above-identified application which is a Continuation Application under 37 CFR §1.62 of Application Serial No. 06/732,374 filed on May 9, 1985.

In the Claims

Claim 9, line 1, delete "of" and insert -- to --.

Claim 32. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein part of the solid support is modified [by] to facilitate fixing of the polynucleotide sequence to the solid support by the sequential steps of:

- a) heating or boiling the solid support in dilute nitric acid for about 45 minutes;
- b) washing or rinsing the solid support with distilled water;
- c) drying the solid support at about 115°C, for about 24 hours;

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